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Russians Sink Two Transports

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 28.—Russian torpedo boats of the Vladivostok squadron sunk the Japanese transport Kinshuima Maru on April 26. Seventeen officers and 170 men were saved. Two hundred of those on board refused to surrender and were sent to the bottom. The transport Makamura was also sunk. Her crew were saved.

PRESIDENT REAPPOINTS COLLECTOR CRUM.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—President Roosevelt has reappointed Crum as Collector of Customs of Charleston, South Carolina. Crum is a negro, over whose appointment a bitter controversy raged and great indignation was expressed in the South.

COSSACKS AND BANDITS



CONGRESS ADJOURNED TODAY

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—The session of Congress ended today, final adjournment being taken. The Panama bill was passed. President Roosevelt signed the appropriation bills.

日露電報
艦隊又旅順を攻む
旅順四月廿八日發
隊に接したる後、又も港口に現はれ砲臺を砲撃したる。退却せし砲臺には何等の損害なかりし。

●日本軍用船の沈没
聖彼得堡四月廿八日發
艦隊に属する水雷艇四月廿六日日本軍用船金州丸を轟沈せし。士官十七名兵卒百七十名溺死を免がれた。同号に乗込み居る土卒二百名は魯軍の捕俘となりを拒みたるため海中に投せられたり中村丸(イ)も亦轟沈されたるが乗組員は悉く救はれた。

MEHEULA WAS OVERRULED

JUDGE DOLE REFUSES TO GRANT MOTION TO DIRECT VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT.

Judge Dole this afternoon overruled a motion to direct a verdict for the defendant in the Meheula vouchers case. The motion was based largely on the ground that no proof had been made that the missing vouchers, alleged to have been destroyed, had ever existed. The court said that Meheula's admissions were evidence of such fact and that the case should go to the jury. John Wise was called as the first witness for the defence. He declared that the vouchers and other documents on Meheula's desk as clerk of the House were "loosely kept." His testimony went to show that newspapermen, clerks and other visitors might have taken vouchers away, or that the documents might have been lost. On cross examination Dunne sought to show that Wise was endorser of one of the warrants for which a voucher is missing, but an objection by Ashford was sustained. Paolo, Janitor of the House, Assistant clerk J. P. Makainal and Speaker Beckley are among the witnesses summoned for Meheula.

MILITARY DANCE.
Plans are being made for a farewell dance and reception in honor of the Camp McKinley soldiers who are about to leave for the mainland. Governor Carter has granted a request for the use of the government band on Monday evening. There will be a dance and reception at the camp.

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TERRITORY LOSES ON ALL POINTS

A CABLEGRAM RECEIVED FROM F. M. HATCH MAKES IT CLEAR THAT ALL THE POINTS RAISED IN THE FISHERIES CASES HAVE BEEN DECIDED AGAINST THE TERRITORY BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Hatch & Ballou this morning received the following cablegram from F. M. Hatch in regard to the fisheries decision by the United States Supreme Court.

"Won all points."
This cable was in response to one sent from here inquiring whether the Supreme court had decided against the territory on all the points raised in the Damon case. The case of the trustees of the Bishop Estate and the case of S. M. Damon were decided together in the Supreme Court of the Territory of Hawaii, but a writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States, was filed out only in the Damon case.

In the Bishop Estate case the question was whether the plaintiff could claim the right of private property in a fishery as appurtenant to the land. In the Damon case the "appurtenant" question was involved as well as the further question of whether words in the patent granting the land "There is attached hereto a fishing right, described as follows," gave a title. The Supreme Court of the Territory held that the fishing rights in the open waters of the sea were not vested rights as they were granted only under the Hawaiian statute relied on and that on the repeal of the statute the rights ceased to exist.

Constructing the words "attached hereto &c." the Supreme Court of the Territory held that they were words actually making a grant.

The wording of Mr. Hatch's cablegram in relation to the cablegram sent him, make it clear, so it is said, that the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States decides all questions raised against the Territory.

LIEUT. COL. DAVIS COMING BACK
SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—Some very important changes are on foot among officers of rank. Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Patterson, who is now on duty at San Diego, has been ordered to the Presidio, and it is expected that Lieutenant-Colonel J. McClellan, Artillery Corps, now on duty in command of Camp McKinley, Honolulu, will be ordered to San Diego to take his place, while Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Davis, Artillery Corps, will be placed in command of Honolulu. Colonel Patterson will be a field officer and be in command of one of the fine commands, vice Major A. Todd, who has been relieved to go to Washington. The defenses of the harbor are so elaborate, and there are so many high power guns that there can hardly be too large a force of artillery or too many officers of rank to assist in the work. Colonel Davis was stationed for a long time at the Presidio a few years ago, and is remembered as a Kentuckian with many a good story to tell. Colonel Patterson is said to be a general officer who will have more scope at the Presidio than in the comparatively restricted area of San Diego.

MEHEULA AND THE GRAND JURY

Andrew Adams, secretary of the Federal grand jury which indicted Solomon Meheula for destruction of House vouchers, was called as a witness in the Meheula trial this morning. The trial proceeded with a steady stream of objections from Attorney Ashford, but the witness was allowed to answer many of Dunne's questions regarding the proceedings in the grand jury room. "Meheula produced the books of vouchers," said Adams identifying the two volumes, "and we asked him if all were there. He said they were all in the books and we excused him for the time being."

A RACE WAR IN THE BAND

TROUBLE OVER THE QUESTION OF WHO SHALL GO ON THE PROPOSED TRIP TO ST. LOUIS—CLAIM THAT ONLY HAWAIIANS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR THE TRIP.

There is a very warm controversy going on in the band as to who shall go on the proposed tour to St. Louis and elsewhere. The suggestion has been made by Hawaiians that if the organization is to be a "Hawaiian band" only native Hawaiians should go. It is well known that there are Portuguese, Germans, Porto Ricans and others among Berger's collection of musicians, and the suggestion that all except Hawaiians ought to be dropped has created trouble.

The Hawaiians are urging their side of the case with a lot of vim, and declare that they will present the matter to the governor, with a view of getting an order from him. Berger has already been held up by a delegation of music-makers, but did not make any promises and his intentions are not definitely known. Cohen says he intends to take the band, but the question of just what constitutes the band is yet to be settled. In view of the coming trip there are numerous candidates for places, while all the old members, of every race, declare that as members of the organization they have a right to retain their places and go along.

TOGO AGAIN BOMBARDS

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
PORT ARTHUR, April 28.—A number of Japanese torpedo boats, supported by a squadron of war vessels, have appeared here again. They exchanged shots with the Russian forts and retired. No damage was done.

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